

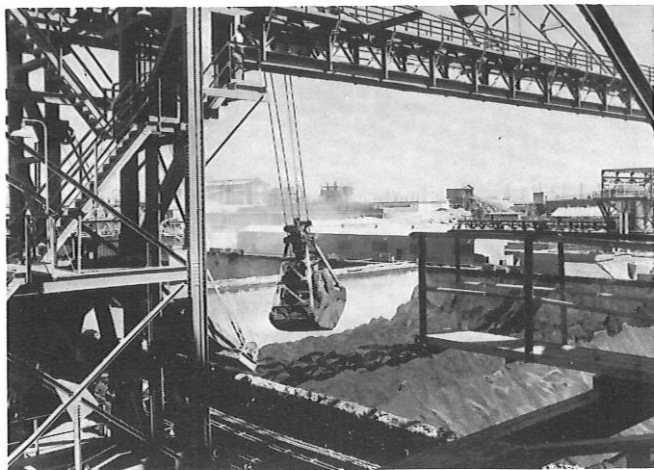
# CHILEAN NEWS

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Chilean Nitrate Industry. Discharging waste materials from extraction tank.

## REVIVAL IN CHILEAN NITRATE INDUSTRY

From desert ore found on a commercial scale in the north of Chile comes the entire world production of natural nitrate, and a large part of its supply of iodine. Deposits are found in a rainless desert plateau 3,000 feet above sea level which interrupts the rise in the coast land from the Pacific Ocean to the Andes.

In 1898 Sir William Crookes foretold that the nitrate beds in Chile would not last longer than 50 years at the most, and this would be followed by world starvation. "England and all civilized nations" he said "stand in deadly peril of not having enough to eat." His words may very well have proved to be true had it not been for the continuous supply of natural nitrate and mainly by the introduction of synthetic fertilizers which now account for most of the nitrogen used in agriculture throughout the world. Nevertheless, for some crops and under certain agronomic conditions the use of Chilean natural nitrate is highly successful in spite of its higher price. This natural fertilizer contains 16% nitrate-nitrogen, 26% pure sodium and about thirty trace elements including boron, iodine and molybdenum.

Sodium can partly substitute potassium within a wide range of plants, and for certain crops it is a nutrient even more important than potassium, particularly in respect of fodder and sugar beet.

Chilean natural potash nitrate is also extracted in large quantities; a natural blending of nitrate of potash with nitrate of soda, which by increasing the availability of phosphate in the soil acts like a complete NPK fertilizer.

Chile has been exporting natural nitrate of soda since 1830 and has played a continuous role in the nitrogen commerce of the world, longer than any other nitrogen product. Other sources of commercial nitrogen remained confined largely to ammonium sulphate until the opening years of this century.

Throughout its history the Chilean nitrate industry has been a dominant factor in world iodine trade. Iodine is extensively used for animal feeding, and in the control and treatment of goitre and other diseases, in addition to its many other medical and industrial applications.

Chile has constantly tried to improve the quality and presentation of the product by modernizing and streamlining its production methods, a process which has been continuous for the last 50 years. It necessitates mining and industrial operations on a very large scale, and the whole process is carried out by thousands of workers who live there under modern conditions created and maintained by the industry.

The nitrate production during the period between January and August 1973 had reached an average monthly tonnage of only 55,000 metric tons. Since the 11th of September of 1973 until March 1974 there was an overall increase of 19%. Maria Elena plant showed an improvement of 45.3%. Iodine production also rose by 10% in monthly average during this period. The nitrate industry has plans which are now being implemented, to increase its production to more than 80,000 tons per month or 1 million tons per annum.

Here in London since 1932 the Nitrate Corporation of Chile Limited has been responsible for the sales of natural nitrate and

iodine in Europe, Africa, Asia and Australasia with sub offices and agents throughout these continents. Now led by Sr. Raúl Aguirre, the Chairman and Managing Director, the staff of the Nitrate Corporation are actively engaged not only in the sale of nitrate and iodine, but also as purchasing, financial and shipping agents for many Chilean industries and selling agents for other Chilean products such as beans, quillay, and selenium.

Leslie G. Watkins

## FIRST SHIPMENTS OF NITRATE TO GREAT BRITAIN

As a matter of historical interest, we are printing an extract from "Chilean News" of November 1952, concerning Aikman Ltd., nitrate brokers:

"Mr. Aikman said that the firm was founded in 1825 by his grandfather with a fleet of small sailing ships which traded in Australia and South America. About 1830, one of these ships arrived at Iquique, which then belonged to Peru, and when the Captain asked for ballast, he was offered a quantity of the new local product, saltpetre, instead. As the cost was no greater, the Captain took the saltpetre, but on reaching Liverpool was informed that he could not land it because it was an explosive. He communicated with the Company, and a few bags were secretly removed before the rest were thrown into the river. The substance was analysed, and it was decided to test its value as a fertilizer. The results proved so successful that orders began to pour in, and from then onwards all the Company's ships brought back 50-100 tons of saltpetre from their voyages to South America. By 1833, the total quantity imported amounted to 1,500 tons.

Continuing, Mr. Aikman said that around 1834 the firm began to export nitrate to Germany, and by 1839 the quantity had reached 3,000 tons. After this, the Germans imported their nitrate direct from South America, and by 1914 it had reached the formidable figure of about 600,000 tons. In 1840, the first parcel was shipped from Glasgow to France. In that year, the total quantity imported into Great Britain was 7,200 tons and probably about 4,000 tons direct to Europe.

"By 1866", he stated, "the shipments of Chilean nitrate to all countries had reached 95,000 tons: by 1873, 275,000 tons, and by 1879, 320,000 tons. For the next two years there was a falling off, owing to the war between Chile and Peru, and shipments only amounted to 179,000 tons in 1879 and 270,000 tons in 1880. From 1880 to 1902, when I entered my firm, the quantity had increased to about 1,275,000 tons and by 1914 to 2,000,000 tons. The figures for 1914-1919 were not published, but it was estimated that they must have been about 3,000,000 tons per year.

"In dealing with the world nitrogen situation, I would call the past from 1830 to 1914, before synthetic nitrogen had appeared except in small quantities, and except for by-product sulphate of ammonia, there was practically no nitrogen produced in the world apart from Peruvian guano and organics. When the war broke out in 1914, world consumption of manufactured nitrogen was estimated at 645,000 tons pure nitrogen, of which Chile provided about 50%, or 322,500 tons, by-product sulphate of ammonia 40% or 258,000 tons, and synthetic nitrogen 10% or 64,500 tons."



Vessel chartered by the Chilean Nitrate Industry loading at the mechanical plant at Tocopilla, Chile.



Don Raúl Aguirre, Chairman and Managing Director of the Nitrate Corporation of Chile, London.

### LORD COCHRANE ESSAY COMPETITION 1974

The Society is once again indebted to Dr. Harold Blakemore — now Chairman of the Society — for the onerous work in marking 23 essays submitted in this annual competition.

Entries were considerably less than last year's figure of 33 essays, and the number of schools participating diminished.

However, the examiner reports that "all the entries were of good standard and the adjudicator's task was a very difficult one."

Awards were made as follows:

Prize	Amount	Name of Pupil	School	Subject
1st	£15	Miss Julie Lano	St. Joseph's College, Bradford	Chilean Agriculture & Agrarian Reform
2nd	£7.50	Miss Renata Klima	St. Joseph's College, Bradford	Chilean Agriculture & Agrarian Reform
3rd	£4.20	Mr. Kevin Leslie	Borden School, Sittingbourne, Kent.	The Independence of Chile from Spain
4th	£3.15	Miss Elizabeth Donnelly	St. Joseph's College, Bradford	Chilean Agriculture & Agrarian Reform
Highly Commended		Miss Jacqueline Jacques	St. Joseph's College, Bradford	Chilean Agriculture & Agrarian Reform

It will be noticed that once again pupils of St. Joseph's College, Bradford, were outstanding in contributions to the Competition.

The examiner, Dr. Blakemore, comments as follows on the winning essay: "A very good survey, with a highly speculative conclusion. This is, however, a comprehensive account, on which you are to be congratulated."

### TALKS ON CHILE:

Several talks have been given recently on behalf of the Society by members of the Committee, some of which were as follows:

#### By Sir Frederick Mason:

- 1 On September 2nd last, to the "Greyfriars" Round Table at Ipswich — an audience of young business men — about his four years as Ambassador and the nature of the Allende Government, with emphasis on our trading relations with Chile.
- 2 On December 3rd, to students and teachers at the College of Adult Education at Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire, about social and economic progress over the past 35 years in Chile and what happened under Allende.

#### By Mr. John Shenton:

- 3 January 14th last, to 6th Form at Hillside School, Borehamwood, Herts, illustrated talk on Chile.
- 4 February 12th to Eastcote Y. H. A. Group at the Cavendish Pavilion, Eastcote, illustrated talk on "Chile — Its Relationships with Great Britain", at which over 40 persons were present.

### CHRISTMAS BUFFET SUPPER 1974

On December 11th, at Overseas House, headquarters of the Royal Overseas League, the popular Annual Christmas Party was held in the Hall of India. Once again the premises seemed slightly too small for the number of guests who attended — on this occasion 180 — but it would be difficult to find in London a more suitable and better attended locale than this old established Club.

Guests were received by Minister Counsellor don Gustavo Valdivieso and Madame Valdivieso, who, during the absence on holiday of H.E. the Chilean Ambassador, was Charge d'Affaires, and the Chairman of the Society, Dr. Harold Blackemore, B.A.

A much more congenial spirit seems to have been engendered amongst the members of the Society, presumably by the increase in social events organised by the Committee, which makes it possible for members to become better acquainted, also the sympathetic feelings brought about by the trials Chile is going through with such determination to solve and overcome.

During the course of the supper excitement was caused by the news that a bomb had exploded, fortunately without casualties, a few hundred yards away in Piccadilly. Guests suffered no inconvenience, however.

### CHRISTMAS DRAW

The customary Grand Christmas Draw was held at the Christmas Buffet Supper, a total of 5,190 tickets of 5p each having been sold, (last year 4,580).

This increase of sales, plus reduced printing expenses enabled a much better result in favour of the Society to be obtained, which amounted to £160.76.

The result of the Draw was as follows:

1st Prize £25	Mr. John Lee	Ticket No. 2190
2nd Prize £15	Mr. G. Valdivieso	Ticket No. 1094
3rd Prize £10	Mrs. L. C. Vaughan	Ticket No. 1053
Ten consolation prizes, value £1 each, were won by:		
Mr. G. W. Craig		Ticket No. 7710
Mrs. J. N. Warren		Ticket No. 0861
Messrs. Swan Hunter		
Shiprepairers Tyne Ltd.		Ticket No. 1531
Mr. E. Ashton		Ticket No. 9374
Mr. D. Seigal		Ticket No. 2135
Mrs. Rita Slack		Ticket No. 1897
Mr. H. C. Higginson		Ticket No. 5896
Mr. P. Lawrence Jones		Ticket No. 522f
Mr. N. J. Hancock		Ticket No. 6187
Mr. R. Ravenhill		Ticket No. 2901

### COMING EVENTS

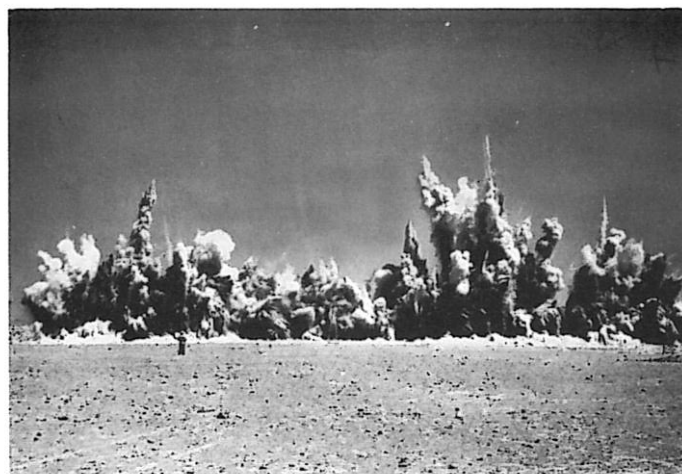
Spring Cocktail Party, at Canning House, Tuesday, April 22nd, 1975.

Educational Coach Tour to Blenheim Palace, May 29th (provisional date)

Annual Latin American Societies Golf Competition, at Effingham, Thursday, June 19th, 1975.

Annual Luncheon on Chilean Independence Day, Thursday, September 18th, 1975, at Grosvenor House.

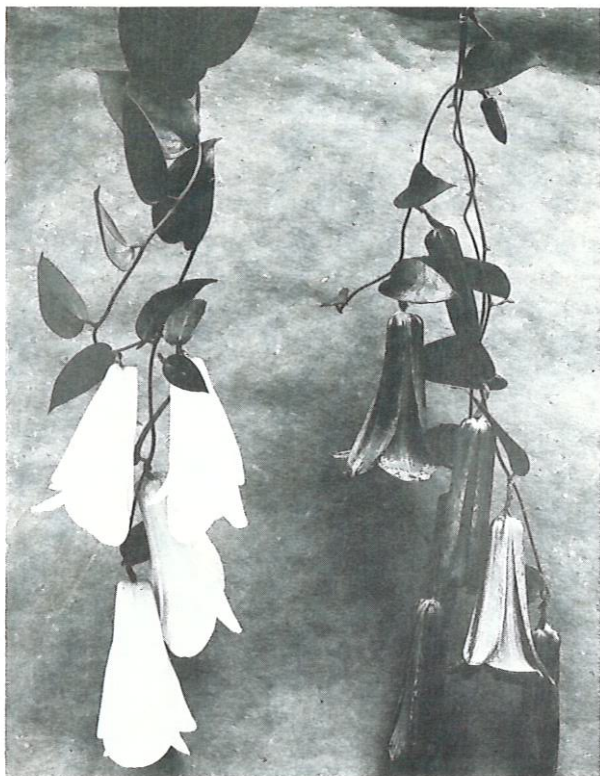
Christmas Buffet Supper Party, Wednesday, December 10, 1975, at Overseas House.



Chilean Nitrate Industry. Blasting nitrate "caliche". Several powder charges are ignited simultaneously by electricity.

taken to have a picnic lunch on board. On arrival at Oxford, a brief opportunity was given to look round the City and the tour then proceeded by coach again to Blenheim Palace, where the party was guided round the impressive historic mansion of such great interest.

A first class English tea was served in the Palace restaurant and the party returned by coach to London, arriving at about 8 p.m. The tour was voted an excellent one and was enjoyed by all.



*The Copihue. The national flower of Chile. Botanical name "Lapigeria Rosea."*

### PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS TO REAR-ADMIRAL RAÚL LOPEZ AND CAPTAIN GEORGE LE MAY:—

The Anglo Chilean Society take this opportunity to congratulate Rear-Admiral Raúl Lopez and Captain George Le May on the decorations conferred on them by the President of the Republic.

These were presented by H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, Rear-Admiral (R) Kaare Olsen, at a Reception held at the Residency, 92 Eaton Place, London W.1., on 21st May last, Chilean Navy Day.



**Reception at the Residency of the Chilean Ambassador on 21st May:-** Rear Admiral Raúl Lopez (left) Naval Attaché and Head of Naval Mission who received the President of the Republic decoration; (centre) H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, and (right) Captain Jorge Le May, Deputy Head of the Chilean Naval Mission, who received the "Gran Estrella Al Merito Militar" for thirty years services.

Rear-Admiral Raúl Lopez who is Naval Attache and Head of the Chilean Naval Mission in London received at the hands of H.E. the President of the Republic Decoration.

Captain George Le May, Assistant Naval Attaché and Deputy Head of the Naval Mission, received the "Gran Estrella al Merito Militar" for thirty years service.

The Reception was attended by approximately 100 persons, consisting of members of the Chilean Embassy staff, from the Naval and Air Force Missions as well as prominent friends of Chile resident in London.

### CHILEAN INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON:— Large gathering on September 18th:-

The Annual Luncheon in celebration of Chilean Independence — the "Dieciocho" —, was once again held at Grosvenor House, in Park Lane, in the celebrated Ball Room, on the actual day of Independence, September 18th.

Three hundred guests attended this brilliant annual social event, which was voted by all present as being the most outstanding gathering for several years.

Grosvenor House surpassed themselves in their service and excellent cuisine, whilst guests took the opportunity of savouring very good Chilean wine.

The luncheon was presided over by H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, Rear Admiral (R) Kaare Olsen and Madame de Olsen and by the Chairman, Dr. Harold Blakemore, who also received the guests. Among the distinguished personalities present were the Ambassadors of Andean countries, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia and their ladies.

Lord Chalfont was the Guest of Honour and was accompanied by Lady Chalfont.

Members of the Society are by now becoming accustomed to the humorous and lucid discourses of the Chairman, Dr. Blakemore, who, on this occasion, even exceeded his previous efforts and gave a most entertaining address.

He spoke of the work the Society has done and is still doing in making Chile known in Great Britain, of the lectures, essays, talks, information distributed etc., as well as numerous social events to bring people interested in Chile together. He commended the work done by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Finally he introduced with great pleasure the Guest of Honour, Rt. Hon. The Lord Chalfont.

While proposing the toast of "The Anglo Chilean Society", Lord Chalfont, in an eloquent and witty speech, referred to his visit to Chile in company with Her Majesty The Queen in 1968, and spoke also of the responsibilities of the media in reporting international affairs. He emphasised the need for accurate reporting of facts while defending the right of free comment.

In responding to the toast H.E. The Chilean Ambassador thanked Lord Chalfont for his presence at the celebration and of the privilege to have him as a Guest of Honour. He referred to his Chairmanship of Canning House and the part played by the great statesman, Lord Canning, in encouraging and developing trade and commerce between Chile and Great Britain.

His Excellency went on to mention that since the enactment of a new law in Chile a year ago, favouring foreign investments, the first fruits of success had begun to appear, and over two thousand million dollars are to be invested by the U.S.A., Germany, Holland, Spain, Japan and Argentina but, for the first time in Chilean history, Britain's name would be absent. He affirmed that the Anglo Chilean Society was a natural growth, born of the similarities and affinities of British and Chileans, evolved over a century and a half of friendship and that perhaps the Society might have a new part to play in reviving those close links of trade, commerce and industrial cooperation. Those foreign investments, he stated, give the lie to marxist propaganda and prove that there is world confidence in Chile, its Government and its future, and although the people of Chile are suffering great hardships, they accept these willingly, because they too have confidence in their Government, this feeling being expressed by the hundreds of thousands of people who marched into the centre of Santiago the previous week to stand and cheer expressing their loyalty and devotion. His Excellency's discourse received prolonged applause.

### RECEPTION ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, Admiral Olsen and Madame Olsen gave a party at the Chilean Embassy, 12 Devonshire Street, London, on Chilean Independence Day, September 18th. Over 300 guests were present, many of which were Chileans resident in London, as well as persons connected with Chile.

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 ALLAN, Mr. E.A.  
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 ANTIPAS, Mr. T.G.  
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 ARENTSEN, Mr. R.T.L.  
 ARENTSEN, Mrs. R.T.L.  
 ARMSTRONG, Mr. C.  
 ARMSTRONG, Mrs. C.  
 ARRIAGADA, Chief Petty Officer P.  
 ARRIAGADA, Mrs. P.  
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 AVENDAÑO, Wing Commander Juan  
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 BARBARY, Mr. R.A.J.  
 BARON, Mr. Dominic  
 BATALLER, Mr. V.  
 BELLANGER, Mr. M.  
 BENN, Mr. Oliver  
 BENN, Mrs. Oliver  
 BEROH, Miss Maria  
 BESA, H.E. don Alberto  
 BESA, Madame  
 BLACKMAN, Mr. Roy  
 BLAIR, Mr. J.A.  
 BLAIR, Mrs. J.A.  
 BLAKEMORE, Dr. Harold, F.R. Hist. S.  
 BLANCH, Mr. R.  
 BLANCH, Mrs. R.  
 BORROWMAN, Mr. J.  
 BOWES, Sir Leslie, K.C.M.G., C.B.E.  
 BOWES, Lady  
 BRACE, Mrs. G.A.  
 BRAUN-MENENDEZ, Miss Laura  
 BRAVO, Miss M.E.  
 BREW, Mrs. K.W.  
 BROWN, Mr. K.  
 BROWN, Mr. Michael D.  
 BUCKLER, Captain F.N., R.N.  
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 BUCKRIDGE, Mr. Graham  
 BUFILL, Mr. Michael  
 BUGGE, Miss Helene  
 CAMINOS, Mrs. Josefina B. vda. de  
 CANOVAS, Lt. Commander P.  
 CANOVAS, Mrs. P.  
 CARLESS, Mr. Hugh  
 CARLESS, Mrs. Hugh  
 CARROL, Mr. Nicholas  
 CAULFEILD, Mr. W.T.  
 CAYCEDO, Mr. Miguel  
 CERDA, Mrs. Clara  
 CERDA, Miss Clara  
 CERDA, Miss Fernanda  
 CERDA, Colonel Juan  
 CERDA, Wing Commander Mario  
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 CERDA, Miss Paula  
 CERDA, Mr. Raúl  
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 COUSIÑO, Mrs. Elena Prieto de  
 CRAIG, Miss Anita Nieves  
 CRAIG, Mrs. Mercedes  
 CRICK, Mr. L.F.  
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 DANÚS, Mrs. Sonia  
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 GUZMAN, Mr. Jose  
 HADERMANN, Commander J.  
 HADERMANN, Mrs. J.  
 HANKEY, The Hon. H.A.A.A., C.M.G., C.V.O.  
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 HEATH, Mr. A.M.

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 JONES, Mr. Sydney  
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 LAING, Mr. Robert  
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 LEWIN, Mr. A.  
 LEWIN, Mrs. A.  
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 MILLER, Mr. John  
 MITCHELL, Mr. J.C.  
 MIRANDA, Madame Gladys Adet Zamora de  
 MIRANDA, H.E. General Rogelio, Ambassador of Bolivia  
 MONTAGNE, H.E. Don Adhemar, Ambassador of Peru  
 MONTAGNE, Madame Yolanda de  
 MONTERO, Mrs. Johanna

MONTERO, Mr. Jorge  
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 MOSS, Mrs. R.  
 MOXEY, Mr. Jaime  
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 NAVARRETE, Mrs. Patricia  
 NOGUERA, Miss M.I.  
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 Rear Admiral Kaare  
 OLSEN, Madame Irene de  
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 PARISH, Mr. Graeme  
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 PARKER, Mrs. W.E.  
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 PINK, Lady Dora

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 YOUNG, Mr. Ralph D.  
 YOUNG, Mrs. R.D.  
 ZEPEDA, Mr. Raul  
 ZUNIGA, Mrs. Maria  
 ZUNIGA, Mr. Mario



*H.E. The Chilean Ambassador Admiral (R) Kaare Olsen and Rear Admiral Raúl Lopez, Naval Attaché and Head of Chilean Naval Mission, placing a wreath on the grave of Admiral Lord Cochrane, in Westminster Abbey, on Chilean Navy Day, May 21st 1975*

## TALKS ON CHILE

Members of the Society continue to give talks to various entities, which are much appreciated as giving correct and unbiased information concerning Chile.

Recent talks were as follows:-

By Dr. Harold Blakemore F.R. Hist. S.

On April 18th to the Sixth Form at St. Marylebone Grammar School, London.

By Sir Frederick Mason

On March 7th to 130 Six Formers at Bradford Grammar School, about events before, during and after the Allende Government.

On September 24th to the Sixth Formers at Buckhurst Hill County High School concerning "Chile under Allende and the Junta"

At St. Martins-in-the-Fields Church, Trafalgar Sq., to the International Club, a talk about Chile, which was well attended and many questions asked.

By Mr. Sven B. Robson, O.B.E.

In June at Ringwood, Hants, to the Ringwood Rotary Club, an account of his recent visit to Chile.



*At the Spring Cocktail Party, Canning House, (left to right) H.E. don Alberto Besa, Madame Besa, H.E. The Chilean Ambassador, Admiral Kaare Olsen, Madame Olsen, and Dr. Harold Blakemore, Chairman of the Society.*

## CHILEAN NAVY DAY

### Ceremonial Placing of wreath renewed:-

It was gratifying to see the renewal of the ceremonial laying of a wreath on Lord Cochrane's tomb in Westminster Abbey on Navy Day, May 21st last. It will be remembered that this ceremony did not take place last year, permission not having been granted by the Dean.

A large congregation of Chilean Embassy, Naval and Air Force personnel and their ladies, as well as numerous invited guests with Chilean connections were present at the ceremony.

The Chapel used for the ceremony was reserved for H.E. the Chilean Ambassador and Rear-Admiral Raúl Lopez (Naval Attaché and Head of Naval Mission) who at 11 a.m. jointly placed the wreath on the grave of Lord Cochrane.

The Very Reverend Dr. Ronald Jasper, Archdeacon of Westminster and the Very Reverend Dr. Edward Carpenter, Dean of Westminster conducted the brief religious service.

### Reception:-

A large number of guests attended the celebration of Chilean Navy Day, held on May 21st at the United Service and Royal Aero Club. They were received by Rear Admiral and Mrs. Raúl Lopez, and Captain Jorge Le May.

The many friends of Chile residing in the U.K. took advantage of this brilliant social gathering to congratulate the Chilean Navy on the celebration of the victory of 1879 and express their continued affection and support for Chile and its Navy.



*Chilean Navy Day Reception, May 21st 1975:-(left to right) Captain Wilson Mourao Dos Santos, Brazilian Naval & Military Attache; Rear Admiral Raúl Lopez; Mrs Lopez & Madame Mourao Dos Santos*



*Spring Cocktail Party, April 22nd:- Lady Dora Pink presenting a Raffle Prize to Mrs. Jack Blair*



*A jolly group at the Christmas Buffet Supper. (left to right) Sir Frederick Mason; Mrs. Jean Mitchell; Captain George Le May; Madame Yolanda de Valdivieso; Guillermo Santa Cruz; Dr. Harold Blakemore; Lady Mason; D. G. Mitchell, Don Gustavo Valdivieso, Charge d'Affaires of the Chilean Embassy and Miss Cecilia Gallardo.*

#### CHILEAN COOKERY CLASSES:

The Chilean Society has started a series of once-weekly cookery classes specializing in typical Chilean dishes. These are held at the Technical School, Bolt Court, Fleet Street, London, every Tuesday for eight weeks.

Over thirty interested persons have joined the group and seven classes have been held already.

Señora Sara Arenas de Cerda, wife of Col. Juan Cerda, the Air Attaché, and Señora Clara Rodríguez de Cerda, wife of Wing Commander Mario Cerda, are in charge of the tuition, which has included such dishes as "Empanadas al Horno", "Cazuela de Aves", "Chupe de Mariscos", etc. After the cooking "session", the members of the class partake of the food cooked, in fact the "proof of the pudding"! Mrs. Rita Phillips de Slack has acted as translator.

The first class was held on January 28th and was nearly forcibly cancelled by a bomb scare in Fleet Street, when a number of "pupils" trying to attend the class were kept away by the police, who had cleared Fleet Street at that point. However, it was one of the frequent hoaxes and nothing happened.

#### CLOTHING FOR POOR FAMILIES

The Chairman of the Chilean Society announces that six boxes of clothing for poor children and their parents have been collected in London by the Society and despatched to Chile, for distribution by Father Silvester Stenger who has developed the "Mi Casa" society for poor families of his parish in Corral, Valdivia. The packages were shipped to Chile on a Chilean naval vessel.

#### MARRIAGES

**Winter — Rojas:** Two members of the Society, Mr. Malcolm R. Winter, of Streatham, and Miss Sylvia Rojas, of Santiago, were married on December 21st last, at Brompton Oratory. In representation of her parents who reside in Santiago, the bride was given away by Mr. W. R. Smithson, at whose home in Sanderstead, the wedding reception was held.

**Manby — Almendra:** Mr. John Manby, of London, a member of the Society, was married on February 8th to Miss Olivia Almendra, of Santiago, at Kensington Registry Office, the reception afterwards being at 120 Holland Road, London W14.

Mr. Manby has connections in Iquique, Chile, where his family was resident for many years.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOCIETY

The Executive Committee of the Society is grateful for the favourable response by members to the appeal for financial help by means of increased subscriptions, approved at the last Annual General Meeting.

All categories of subscriptions were raised by 50% at the beginning of the year, to which change a very large proportion of members immediately responded; in some cases members, both commercial and ordinary, made additional donations or increased their annual quotas more than the amount requested.

The Committee also made a special appeal in January to **Life Members** who had been more than three years in that category, to which there was also a good response, the sum of £166.50, being received from a total of twenty one Life Members.

#### LECTURES:

Two lectures were given at Canning House, sponsored by the Society, the first on November 14th by **Dr. Simon Collier M.A. PhD.**, Dean of the School of Comparative Studies and Chairman of the Department of History at the University of Essex, was entitled "**Diego Portales, Statesman and Nationalist**". The very inclement weather had much to do with the relatively small attendance of over thirty persons, who, however, enjoyed the excellent and interesting lecture.

The second lecture was given on December 5th, also at Canning House, by our Chairman, **Dr. Harold Blakemore**. Over fifty people came to enjoy his entertaining and clear account of the life and actions of "**José Manuel Balmaceda, Nationalist and Visionary**".

#### CHARTERED FLIGHT FROM CHILE TO LONDON

Members with relatives resident in Chile will be interested to know that news has just arrived from the Santiago Committee of the Society, that they are sponsoring a Charter Flight, to be organized by the Pacific Steam Navigation Co., Santiago, from Santiago to London, also Madrid, and return to Santiago, to take place during August or September, next.

Members of the Society in Chile will be eligible, also their families, the latest date for enrolment being the end of April. Further details of dates, duration of flight and cost will be given later.

Persons interested in obtaining more information can enquire from: The Pacific Steam Navigation Co., Attention Miss Carmen Valenzuela, Agustinas 1066, Santiago. Telephone 83013.



*Reception of guests at the Christmas Buffet Supper, on December 11th 1974. (left to right) Miss Cecilia Gallardo; Don Gustavo Valdivieso, Charge d'Affaires of the Chilean Embassy; Dr. Harold Blakemore, Chairman of the Society; and Mr. Martin Wilson.*



*The four Cadets of the Chilean Armed Forces who were presented with Swords of Honour, donated by the Society in London, on January 17th last — (left to right). Army, Pedro Bustos Valderrama; Air Force, René Born Behrsing; Navy, Luis Silva Labbé; Carabineers, Germán Stange Frenchk.*



*The President and Members of the Santiago Committee of the Anglo Chilean Society at the presentation of the Swords of Honour to Cadets from the Schools of the Armed Forces on 17th January last, at the Prince of Wales Country Club. (left to right) Vivian Clarke; Sidney Shaw; Victor Braun Page; Enrique Phillips; Rodrigues-Peña; Revel Dick and Máximo Latorre S.*

#### NEW MEMBERS

Since our last issue, the following new members have joined the Society:

Conrado Cucci	}	Joint Annual Members
Mrs. Oriana Espinoza de Cucci		Joint Annual Members
John Mayo, M.A.	}	Annual Member
Mrs. Mary Mayo, M.A.		Joint Annual Members
Mrs. K. W. Brew	}	Annual Member
José Luis Fernández		Joint Annual Members
Mrs. Delia Labbé de Fernández	}	Annual Member
Mrs. M. Rosemary Lynch		Life Member
Mrs. Velia Rinaldi		Annual Member
Miss Glenys Louise E. Jones		

#### OBITUARIES

##### E. BOLTON-KING, O.B.E.

News has been received of the passing of Edward Bolton-King in April last, aged 73. The deceased was a physicist who during the last war was engaged in the development of rockets. When war broke out he became superintendent scientist at the Ministry of Supply projectiles development establishment. Later he did research for the Admiralty into radar devices.

His connection with Chile was with the British Council, which he joined in 1948 and served in Santiago from 1962 to 1968 as deputy representative there.

He joined the Society in London in 1969 and became a member of the General Committee that year.

##### HORACIO WALKER LARRAIN

The death occurred in Santiago on July 18th, last, of the nationally famous Chilean politician, lawyer and diplomat, don Horacio Walker Larrain, at the advanced age of 87 years. A distinguished public figure he was in turn professor of law, founder of the old Conservative Party and also the Christian Democrat Party, Minister of the Court of Appeal and of the Supreme Court, Minister of Foreign Affairs and finally Ambassador to Peru.

Amongst his multifarious activities he found time to be a staunch supporter and active member of the Society over thirty years, serving on the Santiago Committee for the whole period.

Proud of his British ancestry, don Horacio upheld devotedly the aims of the Society in furthering British/Chilean relations and his sustained support of the Society in Santiago will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his eight children, with whom the Committee and members of the Society wishes to express its sympathy in their bereavement.

##### CORNWELL, (MRS.) MILDRED

We record with deepest regret the death of this long standing member of the Society in a Private Nursing Home in Worthing on 18th July, 1974.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hedley of Sunderland, she was born in Rugby and went out to Chile with her parents and sister in 1923. In 1926 she was married at Coronel to H. F. L. Cornwell who later became a partner in Price Waterhouse, Peat & Co., Chartered Accountants, South American branches. "Millie" as she was known to a wide circle of friends loved life and was a real sporting personality being an excellent golfer, tennis player and bridge player. Her husband died in 1955 and after 38 years in Chile at Concepcion, Valparaiso and Santiago, she returned to England in 1961 to settle in Worthing. A large number of ex-members of the British communities resident in the three aforementioned Chilean cities attended her funeral at Worthing Crematorium on 22nd July. She leaves an only daughter Sylvia, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

#### EDITORIAL NOTE:

We regret that owing to lack of space the foregoing obituaries were not published in earlier issues of "Chilean News".

##### MR. A. L. WOOD

Only recently have we received the sad news of the passing in 1973 of this old member of the Society, at the advanced age of 88. He spent all his working life in Antofagasta as an employee of the Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway, which he joined in 1906, until his retirement in December 1950, having risen to the appointment of Chief Accountant in 1934.

His five children all served in H.M. Forces during the 1939-45 War.



*A dramatic view of some of the statues "moai" on Easter Island "Rapa Nui" — a Chilean possession.*